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The handwritten story was in an old chest I bought at an auction. There are many corrections and many notes stuck between the pages, and the ink and pencil are faded and often difficult to read. I have had to guess at the meaning a few times and hope I haven't done too much harm to her intent.

Many changes were made in punctuation, spelling, paragraphing and chapters, and I've updated a few words, like Black Feet to Blackfoot. She made a few mistakes I did not correct, like mixing up the locations of the Little Blue and Big Blue rivers.

The name Mary Faraday Huntington does not appear in any of the old records. Whoever wrote the words was neither shy nor humble, has a very foul mouth, and shamelessly talks about things rarely mentioned in stories of the Wild West. Her story is the way it was long ago, not the sugar coated fairy tales of book and film.

Her story reminds me of something Jamake Highwater wrote:

"The outward rusticity of primal behavior makes Western people devise a self-serving ideal of themselves as civilized, which sets them widely apart from other peoples and from nature. Their withdrawal from an awareness of their place in nature is nearly complete...primal peoples live among animals and vegetation constantly in close contact with the sources of nourishment and death, understanding their environment and expressing their ideas and feelings in terms of the natural world. In contrast, people in the West have created an idealization of their relationship with nature which has neither life nor spirit."

## ADVENTURES IN THE WILD WEST OF LONG AGO

Mary Faraday Huntington

I've led a wild life and had a hell of a good time. I still have my nose, all my fingers and my scalp thanks to my high intelligence, strength, quickness, excellent judgment, and a little help from all my many, many friends. I promise not to lie too bad. If you are a prissy little thing, best to pass on by. If you are a refined gentleman, pass on by.

1. You're just a girrrrrrl
2. The Under Water People
3. Fort Childs
4. Rising Wolf
5. The second best whorehouse in town

1 YOU'RE JUST A GIRRRRRRL

"You can't race. You're just a girrrrrrl!"

I bounced him a good one and he shrieked and jumped up and down with blood spurting out of his big, ugly nose. Oh my, how he did carry on.

I got on my pony and went to the line. The flag dropped and off we went. No problem, I promised Charlie 3 cobs if we win. He got his corn and I got a shiny silver dollar and a tin can full of chewing tobacco. I traded the can for a bunch of fancy ribbons at old man Bailey's haberdashery.

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My name is Mary Faraday Huntington and I was born in 1834 at Independence, Missouri. My mother died when I was 9 months old and an Indian woman working at a whorehouse was the only one Christian enough to take me in. Don't know who my father was but he must have been big, strong, and sharp as a whip. Probably an army man having a little fun. Sure they call me a bastard, but they learned quick enough not to do that to my face.

Jennie is a Blackfoot spirit woman and a real good mother who cooks and cleans at Polly's Paradise. We have a little room in the basement. Her real name is Aokii'aki, Water Woman. She taught me sign and Blackfoot, how to live off the land, and how to fight with my hands and feet and knife. And she is teaching me the ways of a spirit woman.

## **Mary: Spirit Woman of the Old West Details**

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**Barbara Lee Wood says**

### **THE MS'EDUCATION OF MARY MARY**

There have been many stories true or untrue regarding the adoption of White and Native American children raised by either race. These types of stories have no ending. I've heard many stories such as "MARY" from my Aunts, Uncles and Grandmothers. Mary was lucky that Native American Medicine Woman raised and taught her how to live from the land and to protect herself, which she utilized many times during her life. This semi-biography of Mary's life also illustrates what man thought of woman as nothing but a tools and we're treated as such, fornication, domestic violence and what's yours is mine. Doggone-It they still think that way, no matter how educated or modernize we are, things haven't changed that much.

Hope this author finds more information...sad but a quick read. Mary is someone to ride the river with and protest the mistreatment of women and the downtrodden....it's not where you been but it's where your going.

**Montzalee Wittmann says**

### **Nothing you would see on movies**

Mary, A handwritten story found in a trunk by Janis Hoffman is a true story of an orphan raised by a prostitute Indian woman in the wild west. She then goes on a wagon train, works briefly for the military as Indian interpreter, then returns and becomes part owner of a whore house and gold digging outfit. There is nothing boring about this girl's life! She has to kill to survive, loses friends, and sees horrible atrocities. I learned a lot of what it really might have been like living back then, not the Hollywood glamourized version.

**Susan Waters says**

### **Entertaining but.....**

I enjoyed the story and it kept my interest; however I felt it was a work of fiction rather than true. Some of the language and words were not from the time period that the book is supposed to be from. Enjoyed it but was not believable as nonfiction.

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**Bradley Simpson:**

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